# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# RAILWAYS
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7039
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RESERVATION IN NEW CATERING POLICY
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether in New Catering Policy, 2004 the Government has provided enhanced reservation of 49.5 % for SCs/STs/OBCs. Minorities, Women and Physically/Mentally handicapped persons for awarding railway catering contract at the railway stations; and

(b) if so, the details of licences awarded under the reservation category so far, separately, zone-wise ?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS ( SHRI R. VELU )

(a) Yes, Sir. Catering policy, 2004 provided 49.5 % reservation at 'D', 'E' and 'F' category of stations for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, women including war widows and widows of Railway employees, Other Backward Classes, Minorities and physically/mentally challenged persons. The latest Catering Policy 2005 provides 49.5% reservation at 'D', 'E' and 'F' category of stations and 25 % reservation at 'A', 'B' and 'C' category stations for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, People below poverty line, Freedom Fighters/women including war widows and widows of railway employees, Other Backward Classes, Minorities and physically/mentally challenged persons.

(b) Award of catering contracts on Indian Railways are now being done based on latest Catering Policy provisions.